

**NOTICE: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY \*\*\*\* DUE TO THE OCCURRENCE OF SCRAPIE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, BRAZIL IS NOT ISSUING ANY IMPORT PERMITS TO IMPORTERS/BROKERS FOR IMPORTING SHEEP AND OVINE EMBRYOS INTO BRAZIL.**

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### **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BRAZIL FOR SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

#### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The animals originated from farms where there has been no confirmed case of scrapie in the last 5 years and they were never exposed to this disease during the same period.
2. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest.
3. No clinical cases of bluetongue, vesicular stomatitis, chlamydiosis, listeriosis, Q-fever, maedi-visna, or brucellosis have occurred on the farm of origin during the last 60 days prior to embarkation.
4. The animals originated from farms that have not been quarantined because of transmissible diseases in the last 60 days.
5. The animals are free of clinical evidence of external parasites.
6. The export animals have been isolated from all other animals from the date of the first test until embarkation.

#### **TEST REQUIREMENTS**

The animals were negative to the following tests within 30 days of embarkation:

1. Brucellosis: Complement fixation (CF) test at a 1:10 dilution for *Brucella ovis*
2. Maedi-visna: Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test
3. Bluetongue: AGID test

## OTHER INFORMATION

The animals were transported directly from the farm of origin to the port/airport of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected vehicles, and did not have contact with other animals, unless of equal health status, from the time of collection of blood for tests until embarkation.

1. The Area Veterinarian in Charge is authorized to extend the validity of the tests up to 45 days if he or she is assured by the certification statement on the health certificate that the animals are isolated on the farm under his supervision and will remain isolated until export.

## EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.